

At end of Riyadh meeting

Arab states must adhere to boycott, ministers say

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — Health ministers from Arab countries ended three days of meetings here with a call for more rigorous compliance with the Arab Boycott of Israel.

The Arab Health Ministers' Council, meeting here for the third day under Saudi Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, affirmed that decisions against foreign companies dealing with Israel must be honored.

Public health services and private medical practice in Arab countries should not purchase drugs, hospital equipment or services from blacklisted companies, the council said.

Helicopter rescue base inaugurated in Dhahran

DANIMAN, March 14 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi Wednesday opened a civil defense helicopter base at Dhahran Airport.

After cutting the ribbon, the governor watched a display and a rescue and fire-fighting operation.

The prince then inspected the helicopters and toured the base.

The ceremony was attended by Lt. Gen. Kamal Sirajuddin, assistant public security director for civil defense, Lt. Col. Seraj Sunbul, director of the Civil Defense Department in the Eastern Province and other senior officers.

Lt. Col. Sunbul said that more bases will be opened in various parts of Saudi Arabia to improve public safety and assist fire brigades.

8,000 lines

Kayyal inspects Taif phone schemes

TAIF, March 14 (SPA) — Minister of Post, Telephone and Telegraph Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal Wednesday made an inspection of work here on the automatic telephone expansion project.

The contract, signed last year with a consortium of Dutch, Swedish and Canadian firms, will add nearly half a million lines to the Saudi network. The first phase of 75,000 lines has just gone into service, Kayyal said.

Taif's share in the first phase of

Khaled contacts Kuwaiti Ruler

KUWAIT, March 14 (SPA) — Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Wednesday received a message from King Khaled.

The message was delivered to the Ruler by Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Fahd Al-Sudairi.

The contents of the message were not disclosed.

slated for July.

The ministers earmarked an addition of \$ 2 million to the 1979 budget of the Arab Health Development Fund. The Arab Accident Research Center will also be developed as an independent body, chaired by representatives of all Arab Health Ministers.

The council approved a Kuwaiti proposal to hold a conference on Islamic medicine in Kuwait to mark the advent of the 15th century of the Islamic era. During the conference, an exhibition of manuscripts and books on Islamic medicine will be organized.

The council met for one hour behind closed doors in the morning to discuss health conditions in the occupied Arab territories and among Palestinian refugees.

The Lebanese chief delegate thanked the council for extending medical assistance worth \$ 600,000 to Lebanon last year.

The council also addressed cables to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Dr. Jazairi, thanking them for hosting the conference.

Accidents down

JEDDAH, March 16 — Monday saw the lowest number of traffic accidents in Jeddah for the whole year, according to Lt. Col. Asaad Abdul Karim, director of Jeddah traffic. There were only three accidents, he told "Al-Medina."

Sheikh Muhammad expressed satisfaction with the IDB board meeting which agreed at its closing session Wednesday to grant three million Islamic Dinars (about \$ 5-million) to assist Uganda during its present "crisis."

The annual meeting, chaired by Ugandan Finance Minister Abdul Hamid Jamba, proposed that the bank's executive directors study guarantees from member states for the repayment of loans. Directors from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Egypt and Turkey, Algerian and Indonesia were elected.

The meeting was attended by the director of Jeddah's Automatic Telephone Project Rubai Sadek Dahlan and company representatives.

Riyadh to have 1st buses for public in four months

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — The first fleet of buses, to be purchased by the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company will begin operating in Riyadh in four months' time. Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications and chairman of the company's board of directors said Wednesday.

The company plans to cover a number of cities but operations will be restricted to Riyadh initially, the minister said.

The minister said Tuesday that the project could handle any conceivable extension during the coming 25 years. The link between the two exchanges will connect the Jeddah-Taif-Riyadh system and the Kingdom microwave network.

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Central figure in scandal

Pretoria takes ex-BOSS chief's passport

PRETORIA, March 14 (R) — Gen. Hendrik van den Berg, former chief of the Bureau of State Security (BOSS) and a central figure in South Africa's government scandal, said Wednesday police have confiscated his passport.

There was no explanation for the move from police.

It was the latest development in a growing scandal over the huge misuse of secret government funds by the now-disbanded Information Department, in which retired Gen. van den Berg has been deeply implicated by a judicial inquiry.

The general said he was awakened at his home soon after midnight by Gen. Carl Eisman, former head of Security Police, and a police sergeant.

They presented him with a letter from Interior Minister Alwyn Schlebusch demanding the immediate delivery of his passport and any other travel documents, he said.

Describing Gen. Zietsman as "one of my own men," Gen. van den Berg said the matter was

handled "with the usual politeness."

He said "it shows you the times we are living in."

Gen. van den Berg flew to Paris last week for a secret meeting with Dr Eschel Rhoode, fugitive former chief of the Information Department. According to the general, Rhoode had threatened to expose damaging government secrets unless his name was cleared.

The government has already

ordered withdrawal of Rhoode's passport but has not yet been able to enforce the order.

The judicial inquiry, headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, suggested that criminal prosecution be considered against Rhoode and others involved in the scandal.

So far, however, the only persons to appear in court have been editors and reporters accused of contempt of the commission, which is still sitting, by publishing further disclosures.

Nkomo, Smith trade charges in TV debate

LONDON, March 14 (AP) — Calling each other "fascist" and "terrorist," Rhodesian leader Ian Smith and black guerrilla chief Joshua Nkomo traded insults on British television Tuesday night.

The 55-minute program, presented by David Frost, was the

first live satellite hookup between the two men, now fighting for control of the breakaway British colony.

Smith, looking characteristically grim from television studios in the Rhodesian capital, Salisbury, and an angry Nkomo, booked in from his war base in neighboring Zambia, were also linked to British and U.S. officials in London and Washington, including America's United Nations ambassador, Andrew Young.

No one shifted an inch from already stated positions during the program, which Frost said he set up "hoping to start a dialogue" between the Rhodesian opponents.

The burly Nkomo, fingering a bracelet, declared the proposed elections a "fake and a fraud," citing the lack of black voter registration.

Pressed repeatedly by Frost to state his terms for peace talks, Nkomo declared: "Our only proposal now is to fight Smith and defeat him. Defeat him we will."

This was greeted by loud cheers from the studio audience of whites and blacks, while Frost speculated that "unbiased" audience members were probably "rather horrified."

The audience included white Rhodesian liberals opposed to Smith and blacks obviously sympathetic to the guerrillas.

Temple leader meets press, commits suicide

MODESTO, Calif. March 14, (AP) — A former Peoples Temple leader killed himself with a single gunshot to the head Tuesday, moments after a news conference at which he complained about FBI and CIA harassment.

Mike Prokes, a former top aide to Temple leader Jim Jones and one of 80 American survivors of Jonestown, died at Doctors Hospital at 10:35 p.m. (0635 GMT), about three hours after he shot himself in a bathroom following the meeting with reporters at a Modesto motel.

Reporters said they found Prokes slumped against the bathroom door, holding a .32-caliber handgun and bleeding from the head. A suicide note was found nearby.

The note said that he was not despondent over the deaths of over 900 Temple members last November but chose to die for what he called the same "just reasons" as those who drank poison in Jonestown.

"If my death doesn't prompt another book about the end of Jonestown, it wasn't worth living," the note said.

Prokes, 31, had just finished reading a five-page statement on the murder-suicide ritual when he shot himself.

The statement said that an unleased tape from the final hours at Jonestown would show that the temple members were not coerced into killing themselves. It said the United States government was withholding the tape because it was embarrassing.

John Wayne looks back on his long life in films

"Off screen, do you like you?" asked Miss Walters.

"I'm crazy about me," Wayne replied. "I just want to be around for a long time."

The twice-divorced star, who separated from his third wife, Pilar, in 1973, said he probably would not get married again.

"If I were a young man of 50 or so, yes. But I think it's pretty ridiculous at 71 to start thinking about marriage," he said.

Wayne said he has a "deep affection" for his secretary, Pat Stacey.

"She's young and wonderful and thoughtful and has made my life very exciting at times," he said.

Miss Stacey said Wayne walks and jogs one mile daily and attends business meetings in addition to less strenuous activities on his recuperation agenda.

"He plays cards at the John Wayne Tennis Club, plays backgammon and chess too," she said. "He watches a lot of television. He enjoys the game shows and watches a lot of old movies."

Mother holds baby at last

CHICAGO, March 14 (AP) — Josephine Cisneros was allowed to touch and kiss her daughter, Olga, without surgical gown, mask or gloves Tuesday for the first time since the baby, was born nine months ago with a rare, often fatal genetic disease.

"I feel very happy and nervous and excited about the whole thing," said Mrs. Cisneros, 35, who is from Mexico. "She noticed the difference. She was looking at my face and at my mouth, and then she started to touch my face."

Dr. Richard Rothberg, head of the baby's health care team at the hospital, believes Olga has a chance to live a normal life, unlike David, the so-called "bubble boy," who lives in an artificial germ-free world in Houston, Texas.

Olga underwent a bone marrow transplant last November to help her fight the affliction, severe combined immunodeficiency disease, that had left her body without the biological tools to ward off bacteria and other germs.

Until Tuesday, Mrs. Cisneros

had to wear surgical gowns, a mask and gloves during her daily visit to the infant's isolation room at Wyler Children's Hospital.

"Each time I came to see her I couldn't take her out and show her some of the nice things out in the world," Mrs. Cisneros said. "She looked like a butterfly with broken wings, and I couldn't do anything to help her, and I felt very sad."

Mrs. Cisneros and her husband, Jesse, are both factory workers who had already lost a baby to the disease.

The International Bone Marrow Transplant Registry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin lists 88 persons around the world who have had transplants for the disease. It is estimated that about 30 are still alive.

Rothberg said Olga probably will be able to go home in early April.

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BEEN THROUGH THE WARS: An exhausted bulldog, suffering from fatigue on a hot San Francisco day, catches his breath at the city's war memorial.

Atom plants shut in U.S. for checks

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Agencies) — The United States has decided to shut down five large nuclear power plants because of concern over their ability to withstand an earthquake.

A statement by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said: "Plants will be shut down until it is determined if any modifications are needed to make the piping conform with our requirements on earthquakes."

The agency said the plants would be shut for about a month, and if repairs were needed to ensure against radiation leaks in the event of an earthquake, the closures would be longer.

The NRC said its hastily made decision followed evidence that the computer programs used to determine the safety of the plants contained some incorrect assumptions.

The new evidence involves the design of the pipes used to carry cold water in the plants including the possibility that those used to flood the reactor in case of an emergency may not be strong enough to withstand an earthquake.

The five plants have a total electric generating capacity of some 4,107 megawatts, equivalent to the energy in about 60,126 barrels of oil a day.

Two of the plants are in Virginia, and one each in Pennsylvania, Maine and New York.

Alleges atrocities

Amin slams Tanzania 'mercenaries'

NAIROBI, March 14 (R) — Ugandan President Idi Amin has accused President Julius Nyerere of neighbouring Tanzania of hiring mercenaries to commit atrocities in fighting between government troops and rebels in southern Uganda.

Government ministers have strenuously denied this.

Nairobi, Tuesday, quoted President Amin as saying in opening a meeting of the Islamic Development (IDB) in Kampala:

"Nyerere has hired mercenaries and sent them to Uganda to commit atrocities against the innocent people of Uganda."

Radio Uganda monitored in

being attacked by "imperialists" and their agents."

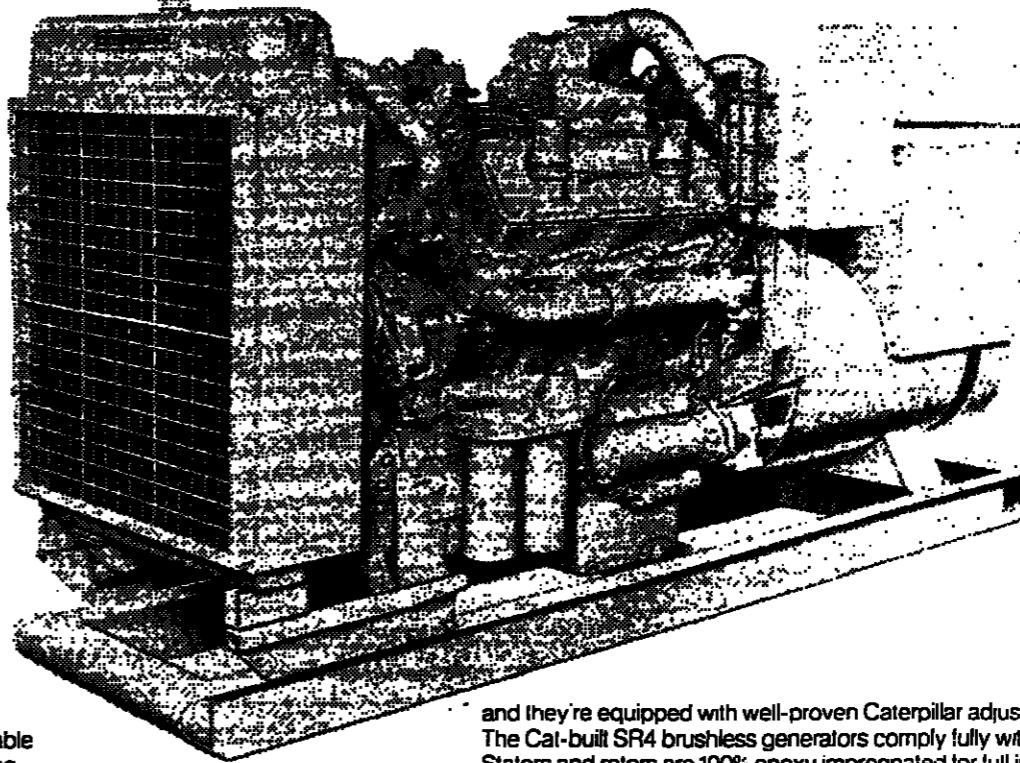
The Ugandan leader's comments came amid reports from exile sources of guerrilla attacks on Kampala hotels and encirclement of government troops by anti-Amin forces on the road south of the capital.

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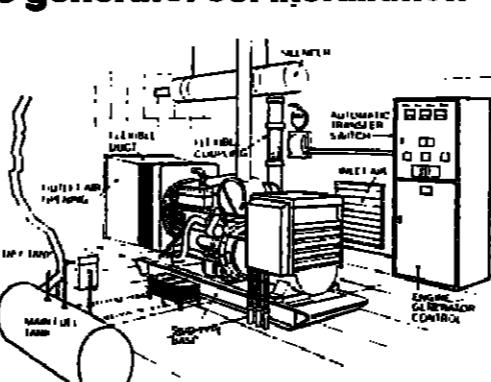


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Once again, Europe has asked OPEC to hold the lid on oil prices, chastized the United States for its profligate energy consumption and vowed to reduce oil imports of its own. The European Economic Community's Paris summit was, in short, free with advice but rather more stingy with action.

The EEC communiqué agreed on by the nine heads of state targeted a 1985 oil imports ceiling of 500 million tons a year, a reduction in current levels of something like 5 per cent. When that is contrasted with the abysmal performance of the United States, which imports nearly half of its oil already and appears destined for at least another five years of import rises, Europe comes away looking a responsible world citizen. Almost.

The communiqué endorsed Saudi Arabia's call for effective consultations between oil producers and consumers. It put forward a pledge of \$1 million in aid to developing countries in Africa and the Arab world as a sign of its commitment to Third World development. And it admonished OPEC that a further price increase beyond the levels agreed to in Abu Dhabi last December could reignite an economic recession.

These bits of advice and aid are apparently all the meeting had to offer regarding French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's pre-summer call for a European-Arab-African dialogue.

As often happens with communiques of this sort, the words left out are at least as important as the rhetoric plugged in. European oil imports have stabilized since 1973 as North Sea oil has come into production, and that production is still rising; it is not expected to peak before 1985.

It is true that OPEC oil is selling at a variety of prices, many of which are higher than the agreed Abu Dhabi formula for a 10 per cent average increase in 1979. Most of the prices are still well below the current (not spot) market, but "real" price of North Sea oil, which is going for \$16 a barrel. If recession is a factor of energy prices — and, despite what the West wants to believe, it was not in the 1974-76 instance — then Europe should be questioning its own oil prices before looking askance at someone else's.

The more significant action at the EEC summit was the decision to begin operations of the European Monetary System (EMS), a plan to control Europe's exchange rates whose major motivation was the whirlpool effects of the U.S. dollar's plummet.

Europe is protecting itself against further slumps in the dollar with the (EMS). So, too, was OPEC at Abu Dhabi. Europe is asking, and getting, prices for North Sea oil well in excess of the OPEC members. And it is offering the relative trifle of \$11 million to Africa and the Arab world as its opening contribution to an enhanced dialogue with these countries.

The message seems to be: "Watch what we say, not what we do."

Callaghan's chances

By Adam Raphael

Rarely in British politics has any government been so close to the brink of electoral disaster as James Callaghan's, and yet continued to survive.

The latest blow suffered by the Labor government is the defeat of its devolution proposals to give greater autonomy to the Scots and Welsh. In Wales, the people voted by more than four to one against the government's legislation. In Scotland there was a slim 33-31 per cent majority in favor of a separate assembly, but this fell far short of the strong endorsement that ministers were seeking.

The referendum results have dealt a severe blow to Callaghan's hopes of deferring an election until the autumn. The minority Labour government cannot survive without the Nationalists. But the continued support of the 14 Scottish and Welsh Nationalists members is now highly uncertain, because it was always conditional on the government proceeding with devolution.

That way is now blocked because there are at least 40 Labor MPs from English constituencies who have threatened to revolt if the government ignores the negative results of the referendum.

Callaghan will not be able to ignore these strong feelings on his own back benches. Yet, if his government simply caves in and walks away from devolution, it will forfeit whatever residual Nationalist support it has. There is no easy way out of its dilemma, which suggests that it will take a long time to resolve.

Delay is, in any case, in the government's interest. The longer Ministers can keep the Nationalists in doubt, the longer they can avoid the challenge of a Conservative vote of confidence. An all-party constitutional conference is one of the delaying mechanisms under consideration, but it is doubtful whether either the Conservative opposition or the minor-



Last imperial echoes

By Ian Mather

RAWALPINDI —

The sun still has to set on the British Empire's legal system. But the legal marathon in Pakistan's Supreme Court over the future of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto looks like being the last major trial to be conducted entirely according to the system of jurisprudence derived from the British.

Gen. Zia ul Haq has already begun to sweep away the Anglo-Saxon system and replace it with justice based on the Koran and Muslim tradition.

But for the time being, Pakistan's top barristers hold the center of the stage, speaking almost always in English, and using phrases such as "mug" ("in my humble submission") and "learned counsel" more frequently than you would hear at the Old Bailey (London's Central) Criminal Court.

The general public too, who sit on rows of benches, facing the seven judges, behave with deference. They stand stiffly to attention and bow to the waist every time they enter or leave the court in the middle of a session.

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case from the High Court of Burma in which a prime minister had ordered the whole of his cabinet to be machinegunned to death.

To foreign ears some of the phrases are unfamiliar. Life imprisonment is called "transportation", a relic of the days when convicts in Britain were transported to Australia.

There are also a number of significant differences between Pakistani law and present-day British law.

Under Pakistani law a less serious attitude is taken towards a person who is not at the scene of the crime, and the defense has been trying to persuade the court to reduce Bhutto's sentence on these grounds.

Another Pakistani legal concept, which is certainly unacceptable in many other countries, is that it is a lesser crime to kill the wrong person, since the murderer had no motive to kill that person.

Though Bakhtiar strongly denies it, his lengthy arguments in favor of having the case reviewed have smacked of filibustering. His frequent repetition of points caused great irritation to the prosecution, who claimed that Chief Justice Anwar ul Haq was giving Bhutto far too much time.

Bakhtiar's method of delivery consists of a monotone mumble which is difficult to follow, interspersed with a halting reading of long passages from legal books.

There has been little humor, except for one occasion when Bakhtiar, apologizing for taking so much of the court's time, said: "I feel like the poet who wrote a love poem to his girl friend and added 'I'm sorry this is such a long poem. I didn't have time to write a short one'."

For legal purposes the sub-continent is considered to have a single history, and the lawyers quote cases from British days, which are listed as "the empress" or "the emperor" versus somebody. They also quote cases from the court of foreign journalists, and to the eighty broadcasts in Urdu of the BBC, which is listened to by an estimated 80 per cent of the population. (OFNS)

Yet the case against Bhutto rests entirely on the word of two former members of his State Security (intelligence) Force who agreed to give evidence against him in return for their lives being spared.

It is clear that every accommodation has been given to Bakhtiar because the eyes of the world are on the case. There are also frequent references to the presence in the court of foreign journalists, and to the eighty broadcasts in Urdu of the BBC, which is listened to by an estimated 80 per cent of the population. (OFNS)

ment in the region. But the United States can play a positive role if it compels Israel to heed the voice of reason and world public opinion. Meantime, the Palestinian people and the Arabs behind them shall continue their struggle until they achieve their rights."

Commenting on the opening of

New threat in the Sahara

By Pierre Requette

ALGIERS —

The bitter dispute between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara region has flared up again with threats and accusations from all sides.

Morocco, reacting to the warrénting guerrilla actions of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, has decided to set up a "defense council" and repeated its threat to exercise its "right of hot pursuit" against attackers.

Though Algeria is preoccupied with its internal power changeover after the death of President Houari Boumediene last December, it was quick to respond with its usual warnings.

The Polisario, in turn, said it was determined to go on with the war against Morocco until the Western Sahara was entirely "liberated".

In spite of adamant proclamations in parliament, however, it seems that the Moroccan leaders are keeping cool, and there are no unusual moves in Rabat to suggest an extension of the protracted conflict is imminent.

Similarly, in Algiers, the task of rebuking the Moroccan outburst has been left to the government press. So far, no official has responded to what the daily "El Moudjahid" saw as Morocco's "call to arms".

Observers feel this was not simply because the new Algerian government was announced only last week.

Informed diplomats believe that neither Algeria nor Morocco really want a war.

Observers in Rabat and Algiers

feel Morocco's current beligerence is not a buildup to a showdown, but a new effort to prompt Algeria to open talks on the dispute, now in its fourth year.

The situation has been deteriorating recently for Morocco. At the last United Nations General Assembly, 88 countries voted for a resolution mentioning the Polisario and reiterating the Sahraui people's right to self-determination.

Last January, the Polisario won a considerable psychological victory when it forced the Moroccan authorities to acknowledge an attack on the south Moroccan town of Tan-Tan.

The attack caused little damage to the town, according to news-men who visited it recently and other reliable sources.

They said the Polisario guerrillas suffered heavy losses during their retreat through Moroccan territory.

Algeria has recently come out in support of the Polisario and President Benjedid's last message to Mauritanian leader Co. Mustafa Ould Saeck fully endorsed the Polisario criticism.

Some observers here speculate that King Hassan's new show of determination is designed to impress on Algeria the support he enjoys in his country, and the need to seek a way out of this protracted dispute.

The king went to Paris for talks with President Valéry Giscard D'Estaing. But he apparently came back disappointed, if not angry.

Reliable sources in Rabat said the king asked the French president to mediate between Morocco and Algeria but was turned down.

Morocco cannot draw any comfort either from the attitude of its "ally" Mauritania, which joined

The 'New Influentials'

By Henry Bielen

PRINCETON —

The idea of the "New Influentials" has been used by U.S. administration foreign policy makers to describe Third World countries whose wealth, size, military and strategic importance give them a prominent role in regional politics and in international forums.

Some of these countries used to be called regional or middle powers. The term "New Influential" indicates that a country is of special interest to the U.S. and that it is influential on international, not merely regional, issues.

The U.S. must, of course, take account of influential actors in its bilateral, regional and international policies. The "New Influential" concept goes further than this however. It suggests an extremely close coordination of U.S. policies with key developing countries.

It is a tempting doctrine. At a time when the United States feels its economic, political and military resources are stretched thin across the world, Americans look for developing countries that can help provide economic assistance to poorer countries, that can police regions and cooperate with them on problems of trade and monetary stability. Also, Americans might hope to split Third World blocs over trade, investment and energy issues by selectively co-opting major actors and giving them entrance to the councils of the mighty. Finally, by sorting out countries by their worldwide importance and their importance for the U.S., Americans can hope to order their priorities and concentrate their attention on what and on who matters most. Some

countries are obviously more critical of the U.S. than others. There are many differences within the Third World and U.S. resources are stretched thin, as is American competence to deal with different countries and pressing problems. Nevertheless, the "New Influentials" doctrine can be misleading and can get the U.S. into foreign policy difficulties.

First, it is not clear who is a "New Influential". The criteria for inclusion pertain to the relatively durable factors of power — size, wealth, technological sophistication on natural resources, strategic location and military might. But these factors do not neatly cohere within an individual country.

Consider India, by far the largest of the developing countries (excluding China, which Americans treat as a great power). India has areas of extremely advanced technology, a large scientific community, a nuclear capability and a large industrial base, yet it has large-scale problems of poverty, food production, employment and urbanization in an extremely heterogeneous society. The case of India also suggests that the warmth of bilateral relations with the United States has been an important element for inclusion as a "new Influential."

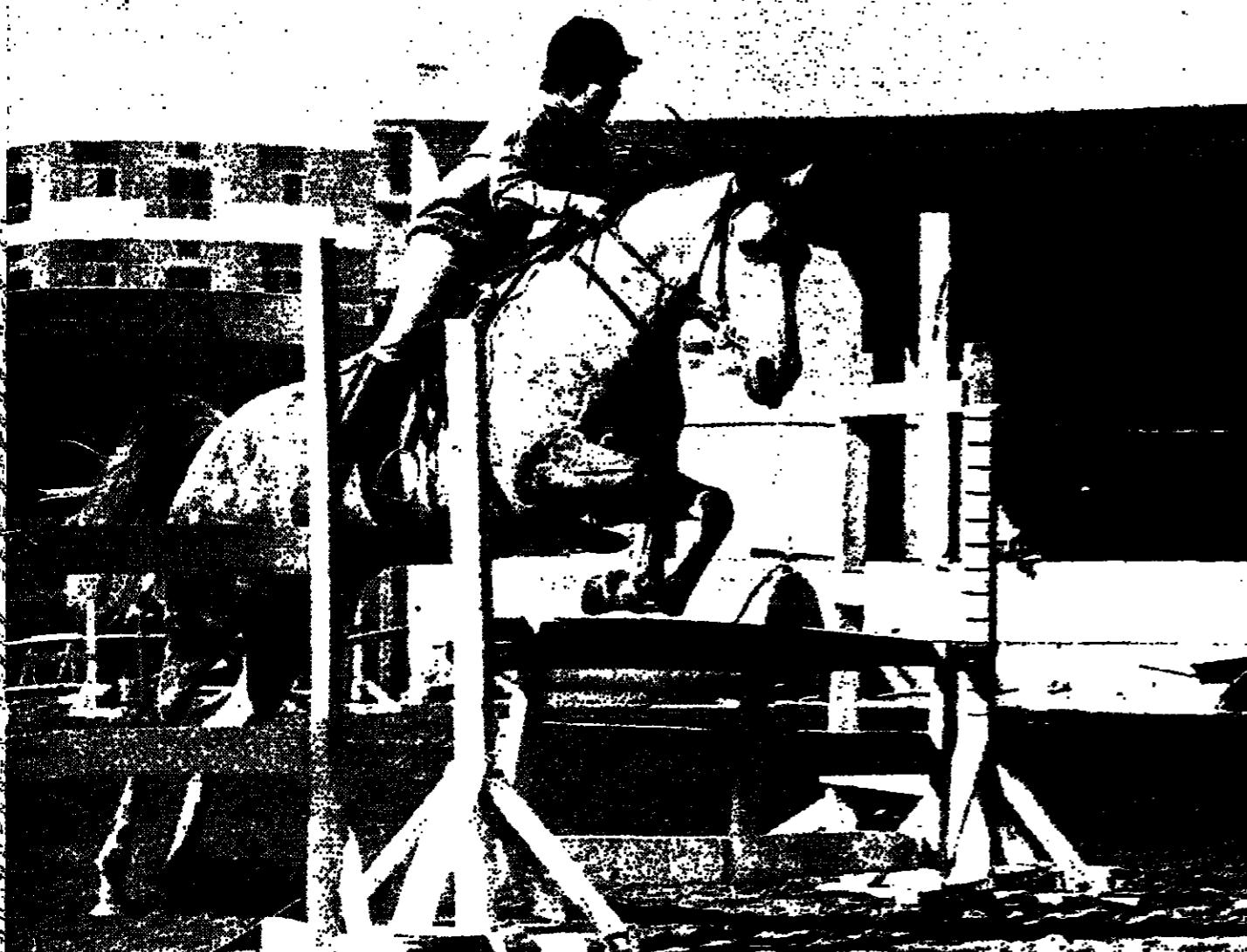
Some U.S. policy makers now see India's military potential as a force for stability in the Gulf and Indian Ocean. This is a function of improved relations with India and of chaos in Iran, and it suggests that the fall of one "New Influential" opens up possibilities for inclusion.

Not many months ago, Iran was considered one of the most important

"New Influentials." It did not export as much oil as Saudi Arabia, its larger size, greater industrialization and military might gave it a special place.

This is not likely to be the case in the latest case of instability in an oil-rich country. Indonesia and Nigeria are very large oil-rich nations too. Both are "New Influentials" that have problems of national integration, histories of large-scale internal violence and difficulties in sorting out civilian-military relations.

Mexico and Brazil, the two largest Latin American countries, are more industrialized than Nigeria and Indonesia, and they are among the wealthiest developing countries. Mexico is the added benefit of huge oil reserves. Both countries, however, face severe income distribution problems, and Mexico has had a hard time employing its



Prince Muhammad ibn Saud Al Faisal, riding the horse Malika, rides on his way to a first-place ribbon at last month's Riyadh Stables Horse Show. (Photo by Mel Evans)

BOOKSHELF

THE MUSLIM CONTRIBUTION TO MATHEMATICS

"The Muslim Contribution to Mathematics," by Ali Abdullah Al-Daffa'. London: Croom Helm, 1977. SR 78.

By Robert Frager

DHAHRAN — Al-Daffa's, the dean of sciences at the University of Petroleum and Minerals here, reflects on the purpose of this book in his conclusion: "to present a brief history of Muslim contributions to mathematics." In 100 pages, he succeeds in doing that with a fascinating subject.

First among those contributions was what must be counted one of the major efforts of cultural and scientific preservation in human history: the Muslim, principally Arab, translation of the classical Greek mathematicians, and the transfer of Indian mathematics to the West. It was an effort, as Al-Daffa's points out, involved with far more than mere transcription. Throughout the early Middle Ages, while Europe was "struggling with barbarism," Muslim mathematicians in great centers of learning like Baghdad and Cordoba were expanding the frontiers of mathematical knowledge.

What is now taken for granted by the majority of us was once the subject of intensive and learned investigation. When we add a column of figures, or multiply two

numbers, especially in this age of mini-computers and wallet-size calculators, which of us reflects on the advantages of decimal — or binary — notation? How many engineers working daily with trigonometric functions are conscious of the development of these bread-and-butter concoctions of mathematics?

During the centuries of Europe's Dark Ages, Arab researchers were concerning themselves with these matters.

"The Muslim Contribution" is divided into five essay-like chapters, an introduction and a conclusion. Each but the first of the essays treats a branch of mathematics which bears the imprint of Arab thought. The chapter on arithmetic makes clear how closely related Western grammar-school methods of doing sums are to the algorithms devised by Arab mathematicians a millennium ago. The techniques for multiplication and division given in the text are elegant examples of

Proposition 13 and the crunch

By Christopher Reed

SAN FRANCISCO — Proposition 13, last summer's rates tax revolt in California which cut demand by 57 per cent and gave \$7 billion to home and property owners, is beginning to bite. Governor Brown's distribution of \$5 billion of the state's surplus to cover the loss of revenue is proving the temporary measure it was warned to be.

Although critics have not been justified in their dire warnings of 400,000 lay-offs among state employees including police and firemen, the inevitable crunch seems to be approaching. Public education is at the severest risk, and the state legislature is becoming restive over the governor's freeze on civil servants' salaries.

In San Francisco, the city's 4,200 teachers have received warning notices that they may not be re-engaged in the autumn.

Only a quarter are expected to be dismissed, but education authorities are protecting themselves with the advanced notice.

It has also been suggested that the 200 school heads in the city may have to leave their offices and teach in classrooms, and 3,000 clerical staff could lose their jobs. Final notices will be issued in May.

Although San Francisco has a self-interest in opposing Proposition 13, as the only major area to disagree with the overwhelming vote in favor of it, the city is faced with a \$46 million loss of revenue during this fiscal year and next. So far, nothing has been heard from Los Angeles, a far bigger school district, but an area with more solid support for the tax revolt.

Overall, however, the wish of the electorate seems to have been ignored. Campaigners for the tax cut constantly emphasized that high-salaried bureaucrats would have to go, yet none seem to have been dismissed, and the blow is falling on the lesser paid.

In the state capital of Sacramento, the committee advising on public employees salaries have voted unanimously to reject Governor Brown's freeze on all wage increases for state workers. The committee decided on a 12 per cent rise, a \$500 million award to California's employees, which include university staff. — (G)

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JEDDAH

Thursday, March 15 — Sunday, March 18: "Tunisian Festival," a blend of foods, music and tourist information and featuring a nightly SR70 buffet dinner of Tunisian cooking. At the Hotel Al Salam Meridien, 7:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m. Reservations, telephone 45011.

Friday, March 16:

Competition for the "Red Sea Fleet Cup," a distance pursuit race open to all boats and using the Portsmouth Handicap system, sponsored by the Red Sea Sailing Association. At the RSSA clubhouse, on the Creek at Obhur. Racing starts at 11:45 a.m. Details, telephone Peter Taylor, 58742.

Saturday, March 17:

Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 — Wednesday, March 21:

Tickets on sale for the SET production of the Arthur Miller Drama "The Crucible." Available at the British Embassy, 4-6 p.m. Performance dates scheduled for March 26 — 29. Details, telephone Innes Rae, 27306 or 27122.

Monday, March 19:

"Jeddah Old and New," a presentation by city planners, at the monthly meeting of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society. At the U.S. Geological Survey compound recreation center (near Spinzer's Restaurant) at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 21:

Rehearsals for "HMS Pinafore," by the Jeddah Light Opera Society. At the British Embassy, 8-10 p.m.

Monday, March 19 — Tuesday, March 20:

Japanese flower show, sponsored by the Japanese Ambassador's wife. An exhibit will open Monday at 5 p.m., followed by a demonstration of Japanese flower arranging techniques at 6 p.m. Tuesday, exhibit opens at 5 p.m. and will include a lecture on the art of Japanese flower arranging. At the lecture hall, Madaris Street, in the Baghdadiyah section across from the Nigerian Embassy. Details, telephone Mrs. Chinoy 52405, ext. 26.

Tuesday, March 20:

Gardening Club meeting. At the home of Mrs. Shirley Chase (near the U.S. Embassy) at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21:

The London Music Group will give a chamber music recital with works by Brahms, Britten, Glazunov and Debussy, sponsored by the Jeddah Concert Committee. At the British Ambassador's residence, 8:30 p.m. Tickets SR20.

RIVADH

Thursday, March 15 — Thursday, March 22: Registration for the Riyadh Desert Classic tennis tournament. Entry fee is SR 5 plus one unopened can of optic yellow tennis balls. Details, telephone the community activities center at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital (35553, ext. 549). Registration deadline is March 22.

Friday, March 16:

Distance runners competition, sponsored by the Riyadh Road Runners. Course lengths will be three-and ten-kilometer runs, and a three-man team inter-company competition will be included in the ten-kilometer race. Certificates for all finishers. Details, telephone Chet Richards (60640) or Philip Bannas (63109 or 67041).

Sunday, March 18:

"The Tombs of Medina Saleh," a talk by John Ewart, at the meeting of the Desert Ramblers. In the tennis court opposite the Hotel Osman, Sulaimaniya area, at 8 p.m. Details, telephone Betty Vincente (61929).

"French Gastronomic Week," a food festival at the Windrose Restaurant in the Al Khozama Hotel. Beginning nightly at 7:30 p.m. Reservations, telephone 4654650.

Monday, March 19:

The London Music Group will give a chamber music recital with works by Brahms, Debussy and others. At the Leonard Ingram residence, 8:30 p.m. Tickets SR 25. Details, telephone 478-80348.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, March 15:

Barbecue at the Al Gosaibi Hotel, Al-Khobar, 7:30 p.m. Cost SR40.

Friday, March 16:

Carnival at Dhahran Academy, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. admission free.

Saturday, March 17 — Sunday, March 18:

The U.S. Health Care Industries Trade Mission will arrive in Dhahran for business consultations. For details telephone the American Consulate, 43200 or 43452.

Sunday, March 19:

The Dhahran Community Band presents a concert of American symphonic and march music at 7:30 p.m. in the Aramco Junior High Gymnasium. Admission free.

Monday, March 20:

A British Consular representative will be at the Al Khaja Hotel, Al-Khobar, 2-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 — Thursday, March 22:

Fifth National Computer Conference at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Exhibits on the theme "Computer Assisted Instruction" will be open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. UPM Building 6. Admission free.

quadratic equations — and implicit in the traditional technique of extracting square roots — gives as much pleasure today as it did centuries ago.

Cultural and scientific interdependence is not a "borrowing" can be found down through the centuries. As in the case of other such transmissions the passage of ancient and oriental mathematics through Arab hands enriched the content of that material enormously. It is a debt one should gratefully acknowledge.

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Umpires infuriate crowd

Salvoes of bottles force abandonment of Supertest

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 14 (AP) — Officials ordered play to be abandoned on the fifth and final day of the second World Series Cricket Supertest between Australia and the West Indies here Tuesday after the crowd began throwing bottles.

The West Indies, set a demanding 367 to win in their second innings, was struggling at 133 for four when the crowd erupted in protest against an umpire's decision.

On Saturday, there was a similar demonstration against the loss of play through rain and the umpire's reluctance to restart the game.

A crowd of 8,000 saw two of the batsmen show disgust at verdicts given by the umpires against them.

Gordon Greenidge was ruled caught down the legside by wicket-keeper Rodney Marsh off fast bowler Len Pascoe for 21. He stormed off to the pavilion while the crowd booed the decision.

A counter attack by Roy Fredericks and Vir Richards raised the crowd's spirits immediately after lunch as they hit four sixes



bottles came raining from the stands on the western side.

The players left the field. It was 50 minutes before the ground could be cleared for a restart to be attempted.

The crowd chanted "We want Fredericks" and when he did not reappear, another volley of bottles was hurled.

Police with truncheons and shields were eventually called in to quiet the crowd.

Scoreboard

Australia : 1st innings 311
West Indies : 1st innings 239
Australia : 2nd innings 294
West Indies : 2nd innings 21
G. Greenidge c. Marsh b Pascoe
D. Haynes c Marsh b Lillee 9
R. Fredericks lbw Pascoe 53
R. Austin c Marsh b Pascoe 4
V. Richards not out 38
Extras 8 no balls
Total 133 for four
Bowling : Lillee, 14-3-53-1
Thomson, 9-3-36-0; Pascoe, 4-2-20-3; Bright, 2-0-16-0.

Fredericks

and 10 fours in addig 87 in only 54 minutes.

It was when Fredericks was ruled leg before wicket by umpire Ralph Gosein off Pascoe for 53 that the



But chance is slim

Aussies whittle Pakistan lead

MELBOURNE, Mar. 14 (AP) — Australia, faced with the daunting task of scoring 382 to win, had whittled the target down to 265 for the loss of two wickets at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here Wednesday.

But with just eight hours of play left the prospect of an Australian

3-1

Wolves finally shatter 3rd-Divisioners' dream

LONDON, March 14 (R) — Wolverhampton Wanderers shattered the Wembley dreams of tiny Third Division club Shrewsbury Tuesday night, 3-1, in their English Football Association F.A. Cup quarterfinal replay.

Shrewsbury did all the hard work last Saturday, drawing 1-1 away to Wolverhampton, but the First Division club turned on extra power in the replay with goals from Willie Carr, Bill Rafferty and a Peter Daniel penalty.

Wolves, who last won the F.A. Cup 19 years ago, will meet either Arsenal or Southampton in the semifinals.

Liverpool, already through to the last four, continued its relentless pursuit of the first Division Title with a 1-1 home draw against second-placed city rival Everton.

Earlier in the season, Everton beat Liverpool, 1-0, desperately needed another victory Tuesday night, but it was Liverpool which took the lead through Scotland's Kenny Dalglish — his 17th goal.

Everton fought back bravely with an equalizer from Andy King, but the draw leaves them two points behind Liverpool which has played three games less. Other results:

English League
Division One
Ipswich 1 Coventry 1

Middlesb' 3 Derby 1

Division Two

Burnley 2 Luton 5

Millwall vs Leicester — postponed

Notts Co. 4 Sheffield U. 1

Division Three

Hull 1 Colchester 0

Sheffield Wed. 1 Biford 0

Walsall 4 Lincoln 1

Division Four

Barnsley 4 Sunthorpe 1

Bradford 2 Reading 1

Crewe 0 Newport 3

H pool 1 Stockport 3

H field 2 Bournemouth 0

N'hampton 1 Port Vale 0

Rochdale 2 Grimsby 5

Wimbledon vs. Darlington —

postponed

Yorl. 2 Halifax 0

Scottish League

Division One

Dumbarton 0 Kilmarnock 3

Stirling 1 Clydebank 3

Division Two

Albion 1 Cowdenbeath 1

Dunfermline 1 St'Muir 0

Australia built the best foundation of alamentable Test season thanks principally to young New South Wales skipper Andrew Hill-ditch who posted 62, by far the highest score of his brief Test career, before being bowled round his legs in the last 30 minutes of play by Sarfraz Nawaz.

The first casualty of the Australian second innings was makeshift opener Dave Whatmore, the first innings top scorer with 43, who was thrust into the position in place of the injured Graeme Wood.

Whatmore, too, fell victim to Sarfraz, playing a rearling ball on to his wicket, for 15 with the score at 19.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad declared his side's second innings closed at 353 for nine, setting Australia a target of 382 runs for victory at a rate of 43 runs an hour or approximately 3.5 runs an over.

Pakistan began the day at 179 for five after one hour's play was lost because of damp wicket surroundings. It was Australia's new ball pair of Rodney Hogg and Alan Hurst who shared the wickets.

Hogg, who trapped Asif Iqbal lbw'or 44, finished with 3 for 75 and Hurst, who at one stage had the unflattering figures of 0 for 102, snapped up Wasim Raja for 28, Sarfraz Nawaz for 1 and Imran Khan for 28 to finish with 3 for 115.

Taipei sport unit to view IOC bid

TAIPEI, March 14, (R) — The Taiwan Olympic Committee will discuss next week the International Olympic Committee's invitation for talks with Peking representatives in Lausanne on March 27, its president said Wednesday. IOC President Lord Kilian has asked for a reply before March 22.

Shen Chia-mig, president of the Taiwan committee, said he did not know if Taiwan would accept the invitation.

Spring training: Happiest time of the baseball year

By Red Barber

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It used to be that all baseball teams had their players report to their home parks a week or so before the season started. Despite the cold northern winter, the players would try to get into shape, and many days they would have to throw under the stands.

In 1886, Harry Wright brought his Philadelphia team to Charleston, S.C., to train and Cap Anson took a dozen or so of his Chicago

Nationals to Hot Springs, Ark.

The idea caught on. Now most teams are based in Florida with some in Arizona and California.

I heard Connie Mack talk about

going to spring training with the Washington team in 1888. It took

three nights and two days by train

to get to Jacksonville, Fla. Then

the players discovered the hotels

didn't want them. Finally, one hotel agreed to take the club, pro-

vided the players did not mingle

with the guests or eat in the dining

room.

Today all the swank hotels and

motels vie for the baseball business.

The players drive to training camp in anything from a Rolls-Royce or down.

It used to be that all players

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Endorse Saudi call for dialogue

EEC heads agree to cut oil use

PARIS, March 14 (AP) — The nine leaders of the European Economic Community have agreed to reduce their oil consumption this year by about five per cent to a cumulative total of 500 million tons.

Winding up their two-day summit conference here Tuesday they also agreed to renew the pledge adopted by the European Community council in Bremen last July to reduce their dependence on imported energy to 50 per cent by 1985. The community now gets some 54 per cent of its energy from abroad.

Prime Minister James Cal-

laghan described them as having had "the most realistic discussions."

On Monday the summit decided to start up the new European monetary system, designed to stabilize European currencies against major market fluctuations, at the opening of European Trading Tuesday morning.

Initial reports indicated the start of the system, known by its initials EMS, had no immediate impact on the U.S. dollar. Many traders expected the new system to have little or new effect on the dollar, either in the short or long term.

The summit affirmed its conviction that tensions on the oil market create a "worrying" situation and that their aggravation would constitute "a serious danger for the economy of the world."

In order to maintain the world's energy balance of supply and demand, the communiqué called on the U.S. and Japan, as well as the European Community, to reduce their energy growth requirements. It also urged oil-producing countries to ensure the continuation of the world's economic development.

Underlining the need for dialogue with oil-producing coun-

tries, the summit supported the recent statement by Saudi Arabia calling for "rapid conservations" between producing and consuming countries.

The leaders also agreed to expand development of alternative sources of energy such as hydrocarbons, coal, nuclear, solar and geothermal power.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, as current chairman of the council, told a news conference after the meeting that the EEC's real growth this year is set to reach 3.4 per cent, up from 2.8 per cent in 1978 and above that predicted for the U.S.

He said that growth should continue in the next few months provided the international situation is not further aggravated by the persistent tensions on the oil market.

The communiqué said that the fight against inflation must remain the priority of economic policies of member states and said that despite a certain improvement there are "excessive spreads" in the balance of payments positions of member countries.

"The balance of payments position may be compromised by the aggravation of the international oil situation," the communiqué said.

Another European summit is slated for Strasbourg, on June 22 and 23.

Pan Am said it "requires the

Tokyo said starting efforts against inflated oil prices

PARIS, March 14 (R) — Japan's ambassador for external economic affairs has given France an assurance that the Tokyo government would take steps to prevent Japanese companies paying inflated prices for Iranian oil, French sources said.

Takeshi Yasukawa, beginning a tour of European capitals aimed at allaying Common Market criticism of Japan's economic policies, Tuesday held talks with French

Prime Minister Raymond Barre. Barre, referring to a Japanese company's recent purchase of Iranian oil at \$19 a barrel (compared with the market price of \$13), told Yasukawa that oil importing countries must make every effort to prevent an escalation of prices, the sources said.

They said Yasukawa pointed out that the firm responsible for the purchase, Mitsui, had considerable interests in Iran.

According to the sources, Barre and the Japanese envoy discussed Tokyo's continuing trade surplus with Common Market countries.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Fencing of graveyards in Medina and the outlying areas	250	April 7	
	Repairs to the vegetable market in Medina	200	April 7	
Municipality of Qatif	Tearing and opening of Dababiah road, Shuaikah and the five squares in Qatif	100	April 9	
Ministry of Education	Asphalting of palm grove fences	Free	April 9	
	Constructing of primary schools, 20 /M model 3 (nine classrooms), second instalment for 78/79	3000	April 17	
Armed Forces Medical Services	Household furniture for 79/80 4	150	April 15	
	Sanitation equipment 5	200	April 17	
	Vehicles 6	200	April 22	
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Constructing of five lavatories in Noman village in Al-Dulum	103-98/99	400	May 8
	Fencing of Abu Nakhla graveyard Under Al-Rass municipality	26-97/98	150	May 19
	Temporary asphalting of rural roads under Bish municipality	106-98/99	500	May 21



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5 KOTHEN	U.E.P.	GENERAL/CONTNS	13.3.79	
14 TELLUS	GULF	GENERAL	11.3.79	
15 STEFAN CZARNIECKI	GULF	GENERAL/CONTNS	13.3.79	
16 LUNAR VENTURE	G.M.S.	GENERAL	13.3.79	
18 EASTERN ENERGY	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	7.3.79	
19 NICHIGAKU MARU	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAG	13.3.79	
20 CARICA	S.A.I.T.E.	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	12.3.79	
21 ARABIAN LULUH	BARBER	CEMENT SILOVESSEL	28.10.77	

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PRIMULA	S.M.C.	BULK CEMENT	12.3.79
BLACK FORD	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13.3.79
NORBROTT	ALUREZA	CARS	13.3.79
ARABIAN STRENGHT	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13.3.79
NICHIGAKU MARU	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	13.3.79
STEFAN CZARNIECKI	GULF	GENERAL / CONTNS	13.3.79

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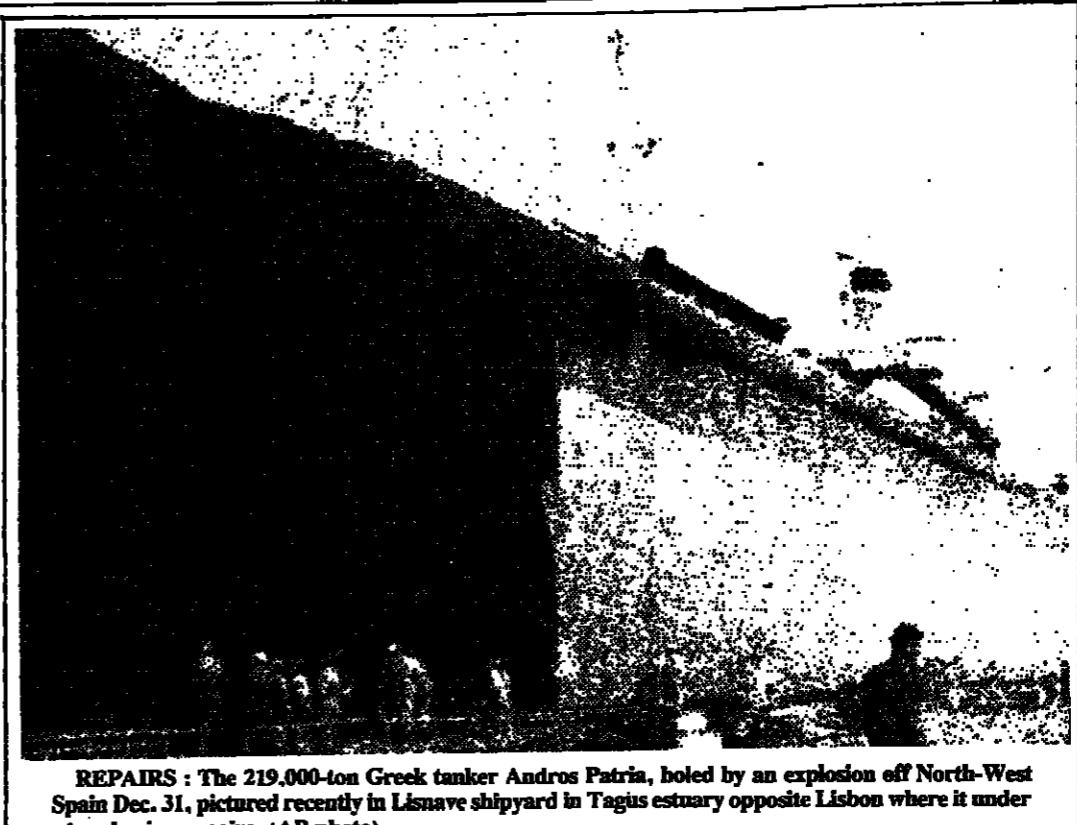
Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.87	6.92	6.92
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	181.00
Swiss F	2.02	202.00	201.25
French F	0.79	79.00	78.75
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.25	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.00	109.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	86.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.33	11.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Rial (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Rial (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.45	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,100	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,050	—
Silver kg bar	—	800	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.61	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.87	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	1.69	1.69
Italian Lira (100)	—	0.40	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.



Including Saudi Arabia

Pan Am eyes Mideast growth

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — Pan American World Airways says that the recent upheaval in Iran has pointed up its vulnerability in the Middle East and asked the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to serve new destinations.

Pan Am said it "requires the

flexibility to choose the most appropriate intermediate point or to enable it to continue to provide the U.S. traveling public with service between the United States and Mideast and India and flights in both directions around the world."

Its service to Tehran was severely disrupted during the recent turmoil in Iran.

Pan Am requested authority to serve Athens, Cairo, Amman, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Muscat, Oman, Kuwait, Riyadh and Jeddah.

The application also included Bahrain and Dhahran, where Pan Am has temporary authority.

In a separate action, Pan Am

asked the CAB to deny an application by American Airlines that

would strip Pan Am of its New

York-London route and award it

to American.

"American's proposal would

guarantee neither lower fares nor

improved service between New

York and London," Pan Am said.

"In fact, it would probably yield

less of both."

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BRUSSELS.

March 14 (R) — The Common

Market Commission is to provide

finance totalling over \$1 million

for various projects in North

Africa and Middle East countries.

A subsidy of \$4 million will go

to various small technical cooperation projects in the Arab world.

The statement said Tuesday.

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Casualties undetermined

Strong tremor hits Mexico

MEXICO CITY, March 14 (Agencies) — A severe earthquake damaged buildings and sprayed broken glass over the streets of downtown Mexico City before dawn Wednesday and the Red Cross reported an undetermined number of casualties.

The Fire Department said at least three buildings, including an apartment block, had collapsed and it was feared that people had been trapped.

Assessments of the quake's strength differed.

Official reports in Mexico City said it measured seven on the Richter Scale.

But the seismological institute in Uppsala, Sweden, said it measured 7.6 and the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, said it registered 7.9 on the Richter Scale.

The U.S. Geological Survey and the official reports in Mexico both said the quake was centered 320 kilometers southwest of Mexico City and occurred just after 5:00 a.m.

They noted that it was the second significant quake in the area in less than two months. On Jun. 26, a tremor measuring 6.9 on the Richter Scale was felt in Mexico City.

The Fire Department reported several small fires and explosions due to leaking gas after the quake and said electricity had been cut off in many parts of the city.

Damage was reported in Acapulco, a popular resort, and the highway to it from Mexico City was blocked by landslides. Lights were out in several sections of the

capital of 13 million people when a strong aftershock hit almost exactly an hour after the main shock rolled through the capital shortly after 5 a.m.

Tourists gathered in small frightened knots in front of the towering hotels on the De la Reforma Boulevard. Glass from broken windows littered the sidewalk.

Florida Omens, 80, of the

United States, said the locked door of her hotel room flew open. "I went outside and part of the inside of the hall fell down," she said. "You couldn't stand up."

"I got up and saw my clothes swaying in the closet. I went to the door and the wall split. I went into the hall and saw the fire extinguisher nose fly out," said Dale Wright, 54.

French government faces criticism from left, right

PARIS, March 14 (R) — The French government's economic and European policies were expected to come under concerted fire from both left and right in an emergency parliamentary debate Wednesday on the country's jobs crisis.

The special session began just four days before voting in France's local government elections.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing reluctantly agreed to recall parliament two weeks early after 315 deputies from the 491-member house requested the debate. But the president publicly questioned their political motives.

The two main opposition parties, the Communists and Socialists, have put down separate resolutions censuring the government, but spokesmen for both parties said the real censure vote would come in next Sunday's elections.

Unemployment in France is set at 1,350,000 and public discontent with Premier Raymond

The government aims to cut 21,000 jobs in the steel industry by the end of next year.

The way for the emergency session was cleared when Jacques Chirac, whose Gaullist Party is the senior partner in the ruling coalition, joined the left wing in demanding the unemployment debate.

Barre's economic policies was highlighted in rioting in the northern industrial town of Denain last week.

Steelworkers threatened with layoff under government plans to streamline the ailing steel industry battled with riot police for two days, in a climax to weeks of protest.

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Mount Ararat or bust

SALISBURY, March 14 (AP) — A police patrol in a south western Rhodesian village early Wednesday morning stopped an elderly man with a white beard herding cattle, goats and chickens into a makeshift wooden contraption according to a report reaching the Military Command here Wednesday.

Questioned, the man said the end of life was coming, and wanted to safeguard his livestock in the boat to start life afresh later on.

According to the report, included in a daily list of incidents involving guerrillas, the man — who was black — gave his name as Noah.

People stunned

Coup in Grenada seems successful

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada, March 14, (R) — White shirts and other improvised flags of surrender fluttered over this Caribbean island's police stations Wednesday after a coup headed by leftist opposition leader Maurice Bishop.

Most of the cabinet ministers and members of ousted Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy's secret police known as the Monge Gang were under arrest.

Bishop's government appeared to be firmly in control of the country.

In the capital armed men patrolled the streets Tuesday night as a curfew was imposed on the island. The airport was closed.

Bishop an opponent of the Gairy government for 20 years, declared himself prime minister.

Tuesday's dawn coup, in which the radio station and army barracks were swiftly seized, came only a few hours after Sir Eric flew to New York for talks at the United Nations. He had left Grenada for 30 years almost without interruption.

So far the population's reaction has been muted. Most people seemed too surprised by events to do more than sit outside their houses and listen to radio bulletins.

Bishop declined to say how many people were involved in the coup, but some sources said they believed as many as 7,000 men took part.

His education minister, Dr. Wellington Friday, who accompanied him to New York, said that the assistance was needed because the security of the entire Caribbean was at risk if the coup were successful.

Caribbean foreign ministers were expected to meet in emergency session in Barbados Wednesday to discuss the implications of the coup.

Although they will almost certainly condemn the use of force to take over power in the island, there seems little they can or will want to do to reverse the coup.

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Sir Eric waited Wednesday in a New York hotel suite for a response to an urgent appeal for international help in putting down the coup, the first in the English-speaking Caribbean.

On learning of the coup Sir Eric urgently requested assistance from the United States, Canada and Britain. The island gained its independence from Britain five years ago.

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times were Lebanese civilians from Nabatiyah and the neighboring village of Kfar Tibnit.

Both are 12 miles north of the international frontier. Nabatiyah suffered a day long bombardment Tuesday and Kfar Tibnit can under fire during the night.

A five-year-old schoolboy from Zatar, near Nabatiyah, was killed Tuesday and a 14-year-old girl from Kfar Tibnit died overnight, a result of the Israeli shelling which died down.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported two Israeli gunboats shelled the town of Damour 12 miles south of Beirut.

But residents reached by phone said the coastal town came under fire during the night. They said commando gunners fired at specific objects in the sea.

Tuesday PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said Israel had warned him through an unnamed European country that it planned "to make

Israeli warnings to him through third parties. He did not give details of this one.

S. Africans attack base of SWAPO over border

WINDHOEK, March 14 (R) — South African forces destroyed a SWAPO (South-West Africa People's Organization) guerrilla base outside the territory Wednesday, regional defense chief Maj.-Gen. Jan Geidenhuys announced here.

Geidenhuys did not say where the base was situated.

He described the raid as "an air attack mounted in depth against a terrorist transit and logistical base."

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